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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE WITHDRAWAL FROM CERTAIN JOINT
U.S.-ROC ACTIVITIES

1. DEPT IS CONSIDERING THE POSSIBLE ADVISABILITY OF
WITHDRAWING FROM CERTAIN U.S.-ROC JOINT ACTIVITIES
WHICH MAY NO LONGER HAVE A TRUE SUBSTANTIVE FUNCTION.
THESE ARE:

----A. JOINT COMMISSION ON RURAL RECONSTRUCTION,
ESTABLISHED ON THE MAINLAND IN 1948. SIX MONTHS' NOTICE OF
INTENT TO WITHDRAW WOULD BE REQUIRED.

----B. SINO-AMERICAN FUND FOR ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL
DEVELOPMENT, SET UP TO UTILIZE FUNDS GENERATED FROM
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PREVIOUS AID PROJECTS ON TAIWAN WHEN USAID CLOSED IN
1965. THE AGREEMENT HAS BEEN RENEWED AT FIVE-YEAR
INTERVALS AND WILL EXPIRE ON JUNE 30, 1980, BUT PROVIDES
FOR REVIEW UPON THIRTY DAYS' NOTICE.

2. WE HAVE IN MIND GIVING NOTICE IN THE NEAR FUTURE OF
INTENT TO FORMALLY WITHDRAW FROM JCRR, IN WHICH OUR

PARTICIPATION FOR SEVERAL YEARS HAS BEEN PURELY NOMINAL;
AND, AT A SAFED REVIEW MEETING, TO ANNOUNCE THAT WE DO

NOT INTEND TO RENEW WHEN THE CURRENT AGREEMENT EXPIRES.
FYI: WE ENVISION ACTUALLY CEASING PARTICIPATION AFTER THE
REVIEW MEETING.

3. AS NOTED, OUR PARTICIPATION IN BOTH THESE ORGANIZA-
TIONS HAS FOR SEVERAL YEARS BEEN PURELY NOMINAL AND NOT
SUBSTANTIVE. BOTH ARE ORGANIZATIONS FROM WHICH WE WOULD
ULTIMATELY HAVE TO WITHDRAW IN ANY CASE. DOING SO NOW
WOULD BE A NON-DRAMATIC BUT DELIBERATE SIGNAL THAT NOR-
MALIZATION, WITH ITS INEVITABLE READJUSTMENT OF FORMAL
RELATIONSHIPS, CONTINUES ON COURSE.

4. DEPT WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING THE EMBASSY'S VIEWS.
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